

Eboard Meeting and Conference Call
November 7, 2002

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Fall Conference 2002:

- Low participation may have been due to location and choice of topics; some agencies couldn't justify attending because topics did not appear to be pertinent to PMS such as Endangered Species Act. In future meetings we will identify the topics and how they relate to pavement management.
- Discussion about topics related to Pavement Management: data base for road inventory, chip seal applications at each agency, have agencies discuss what projects do or do not work for them, how involved are the agencies and the managers with PMS, how do we do analysis, review the performance curve-learn more about them and what they mean.
- Suggested having concurrent classes giving more choices for attendees-for people who are new to Pavement Management and people who would prefer advanced classes, keep the core PMS program and also offer new information.
- Location-not easily accessible to vendors, transportation added unneeded costs.

Other Conference Related Topics:

- Software information-have training available?
- Have a conference every 2 years?
- Involve cities with the conferences; suggest a city host a conference.
- Reach out to more states or areas like Northern CA.
- Come up with applicable topics.
- Invite PW Directors, Commissioners, maintenance shop personnel.
- Have a panel of experienced people for Q & A session.
- Offer training for software.
- Send out a questionnaire asking what people would like to learn.
- Invite more vendors; let them "show & tell" their products before the conference attendees for 15 minutes apiece.

Miscellaneous discussion topics:

- What are our goals? Objectives for the organization?
- What can we as the Eboard accomplish?
- Re-establish chapters and committees-OR was at first successful with their meetings but as the members became more knowledgeable the need to attend declined. Training at these meetings was available which led to greater initial participation.
- Promote the Visual Technical Committee.
- Instead of chapter meetings perhaps have general PMS meetings.
- What happens 20 years from now as a result from my decisions now? Long-term predictions?
- What are the levels of resources to manage our pavements?
- One agency placed 2" of blacktop on its streets but the pavements failed within 5 years, how long would these same streets last with a designed pavement?
- Define a Pavement Manager.
- OR endorsement of WA method of rating roads; should NWPMA endorse? Table until next meeting, December 12.

Goals:

- Each Eboard member think of 2 or 3 topics for the next conference.
- Review the Charter and what direction we should take.
- Include other states, broaden our area.
- Create a sub-committee in helping with the set-up of the conference.
- Have had good participation with the conference in Portland, have future fall conferences in Portland.
- Better use of our website.
- Market NWPMA through the T2 Centers.
- Consultants?
- Credited classes? Use Road Scholar Program?
- Who's who of NWPMA-pamphlet or website with information.
- Long-term goals/objectives for next 5 years.

Conferences 2003-2004:

- Casey Rice, Yakima, has offered to have a conference in that area; maybe have the 2004 spring conference in Yakima.
- 2003 Spring Conference in Tacoma, tentatively April 15-16, starting at noon the first day and a full day the following day.
- Hold the 2003 fall conference in the Portland/Vancouver area. Discussions about having the fall conference every 18 months in Portland/Vancouver and 6 months and a year later hold it elsewhere. Tentatively, the fall conference date is October 21-23, 2003.
- The sub-committee will include Don Newell, Bill Whitcomb, Pat Ryan and possibly a representative from Clark County.

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Realistic for this Eboard</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>	<u>Date</u>
fall conf topics	Yes	all	December 12
charter	round table	all	December 12
include states			table for 2 months
web page		Bob Brooks, will talk	w/ CRAB about website
market NWPMA			table for now
consultants	Yes	all	December 12
credit classes		Don Newell	
publish minutes		send to Bill Whitcomb	
who's who		Joel Conder	December 12 for update
long term goals		Matt Fengler (with Don Newell)	

Next E-Board meeting:

Date: Thursday, December 12, 2002
 Location: WSDOT Southwest Region HQ, Vancouver, WA
 Conference Room 310
 Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM
 Phone: 360-357-2917 for conference call